ऋषिकेश-कर्णप्रयाग रेल लाइन का सर्वेक्षण

1237. **प्रो. राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा:**
श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:

क्या रेल यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके विभाग ने ऋषिकेश से कर्णप्रयाग तक रेल लाइन बिछाने के लिए सर्वेक्षण किया है,

(ख) उक्त रेल लाइन के सर्वेक्षण हेतु कितनी धनराशि स्वीकृत की गई है और उस पर अब तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई,

(ग) क्या सर्वेक्षण रिपोर्ट प्राप्त कर ली गई है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ङ) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या निर्णय लिया गया है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) ऋपिकेश से कर्णप्रयाग तक एक नई बड़ी लाइन के लिए सर्वेक्षण शुरू किया गया है।

(ख) सर्वेक्षण की स्वीकृत लागत 10 लाख रुपये है तथा अब तक 3 लाख रुपये खर्च किये जा चुके हैं।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Mice and Cockroaches in Rajdhani/Karnataka Express

1238. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many prestigious trains such as Rajdhani, Karnataka Express etc. are infested with mice and cockroaches which damage the luggage containing food articles during the journey; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to make the trains mice and cockroach free?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All efforts are being made to keep the rats and pest menace on trains under check.

Gauge Conversion of Latur-Kurduwadi-Miraj

1239. DR. GOPALRAO VITHAL-RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the provision made in the budget for broad gauge line conversion of Latur Road-Latur-Kurduwadi-Miraj;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether the administrative staff stays at Latur or Solapur; and

(d) by when the work will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) A provision of Rs. 20.00 crores has been made for this work in the Budget 1997-98.

(c) (i) Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)/Solapur and his staff under whose charge are the works including the work of Kurduwadi-Latur Road and Miraj to Pandharpur, stay at Solapur.

(ii) Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)/Pune and his staff under whose charge are the works including the work of Kurduwadi-Pandharpur section, stay at Pune.

(d) The work is being progressed in phases. The first phase work from Latur

to Latur Road and Kurduwadi to Pandharpur would be completed by December, 1998. The remaining work would be taken up after completion of the first phase.

Vacancies in Safety Categories

1240. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state What are the total number of vacancies according to the sanctioned strength in Safety related categories?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned till 11.00 A.M. on Monday, the 1st December, "1997.

The House then adjourned at three minutes past eleven of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 1st December, 1997.